And an epitaph drear: "A fool lies here,
Who tried to hustle the East."

KIPLING

The status of American citizens in the Philippines will remain the same under the Philippine Commonwealth as before it was established. All fear of American residents that they might lose their citizenship and with it the rights protected by that citizenship is quite unfounded. If one is an American citizen, he will remain an American citizen notwithstanding the Congressional piece of legislation, unless of course he voluntarily renounces his citizenship and adopts another. A mandatory provision of the Constitution of the Philippines, placed therein pursuant to the Philippine Commonwealth and Independence Law, requires that citizens and corporations of the United States shall enjoy in the Commonwealth all the civil rights of the citizens and corporations respectively thereof. The status of American citizens who may be inhabitants of the Philippines when the United States relinquishes sovereignty will be more uncertain.

Back in "God's Country" are returned Americans who served in the Philippines. They have their clubs in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York. There they forgather from time to time to live over Philippine experiences. They are good men and women who gave full value during their service in the Philippines. In each is a longing to go back to the scenes of their yesterdays. Of course, they

would not find the Islands the same as they picture them. But it is to their life in the Philippines that memory dings.

For the church-bells are a callin', and it's there that we would be—
By Manila's old Luneta, lookin[5] lazy at the sea.

(With apologies to Kipling.)